

## M. D. BOW VALLEY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Electors of the Municipal District of Bow Valley No. 219 was held in the Memorial Hall last Saturday. On nomination of the meeting the Reeve, Mr. H. Groves, assumed the duties of Chairman of the meeting. The Reeve of the Municipality gave a report of the work of the Council, which report was given by the Reeve, Mr. H. Groves, and was read to the meeting.

A unanimous request was made by the meeting to the Council to again have the Strathmore Standard sent to residents as in former years. Mr. A. J. Watson, one of the ex-officers of the Council, gave a brief address on the progress and otherwise attained by the District since its inception. It was very well received by the meeting. Some discussion of the road and sewer problem took place.

All of the retiring members of the Council were re-elected by acclamation. The following were re-elected: Those nominated and elected were as follows:—For Division 1, James Nelson of Carleton Place; Division No. 4, Wm. Parker of Kamauka; and for Division No. 6, Bert Burrell of Cheadie.

### THE M. D. BOW VALLEY NO. 219 REVEE'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—

It is my privilege, as the Reeve of the Municipality, to present to you a brief summary of the work of the Council during the year just past. I hope that I may not wear your patience as you may wish to object to matters as I have no desire to shut out discussion or questions on any matter of interest to the ratepayers of the Municipality.

Your Council comprised Reeve H. Groves, Councillors J. A. Nelson, A. Phillips, Wm. Parker, A. J. Watson, and B. W. Hoffman. Mr. J. A. Nelson was the Deputy Reeve of the Council for last year. It is regretted that due to the illness of the late Councilor A. J. Weyers who is a sincerely wish of all, I am sure, that he will be again a member of the Council, and to good health and that he will again take his place at meetings of the Council. His term of office does not expire until May 1936. The officers of the Municipality were Secretary-Treasurer D. N. Gardiner, Auditor L. A. Williams, B. A. and Messrs. Laussen and A. Laussen, Ward Inspectors.

Eleven meetings of the Council were held in the past year and all Councilors were present at all the meetings except on three occasions.

No payment was made on the agreement in connection with the highway right of way from Carleton Place to Cheadie as it was found that we were running rather short for our own expenses and would not be able to pay the required. The unpaid payments, 1932 and 1934, therefore above on outstanding liabilities on the balance sheet of the District. Some thought has been given to asking for relief from making these payments—although we entered into an agreement to make them, we learn that other Municipalities in similar instances have repudiated their obligations. We do not urge this course of action but would appreciate your expression of opinion from the ratepayers as to how they would like the Council to act. Briefly the history of the situation is that in the year 1920 as a measure of relief certain public works were constructed, among them the highways and it was agreed that the cost would be borne 50 per cent by the Dominion Govt., 25 per cent by the Provincial Govt. and 25 per cent by the Municipality. An agreement providing for payment over a period of 10 years for our 25 per cent was entered into with the Minister of Public Works and we were agreed to pay \$148,622 and interest annually. Since that time we have continued to have relief payments to deal with and have to absorb our share of the cost in the general mill rate of the Municipality. In 1932 our unpaid liabilities were \$270,847 and in the year past \$181,726. These figures are given to show that we are really doing our share and are not providing for our unfortunate residents without incurring further expense in paying for the highway under consideration. If the offer of relief and accepted, it would have been a solution to the prob-

lem there could have been no good excuse in delaying payment for the agreement for the construction of the second highway. Your opinion, under the guidance of your Council, would be appreciated.

The new triennial assessed value will be used in levying taxes for the year 1935. Under this assessment it is noted that the total assessed value of all the lands, buildings and improvements in the District amount to approximately \$2,291,870.00. This is a decrease from the 1934 valuations of approximately \$2,904,500.00 or a percentage basis 21.2 per cent from the old value. Since it is really immaterial in so far as the Municipal and School levies are concerned we must look to the Supplementary Revenue tax to learn what saving, if any, accrues to the ratepayers by virtue of the new valuations. Figuring on the basis of a flat rate of 10 mills on the dollar of assessed value we find that the saving is approximately \$100,000.00. This is a saving to the ratepayer. Although we could wish for the saving to be greater still \$100,000 is being levied in the district in years such as we have had in the immediate past.

Only one case of notifiable disease was reported to the Council during 1934 and no cases are reported to us as yet. The public health of the district seems to be very good. We do hope that it may long continue. While the health of the district is good, the action of the Council, acting as a Board of Health, in closing one of the schools in the District on account of contagious disease is maintained that the precaution taken was better by far than endangering the community as a whole. It is maintained that it may be interpreted in this light.

The position of the school district in the Strathmore District is a whole relief a better standing at the end of December 1934 than did one year previously. We have been able to pay our school taxes in full. This has only been possible by treating all the school districts as one complete unit for financing and using the surplus from their work. The school district has been a whole relief a better standing at the end of December 1934 than did one year previously. We have been able to pay our school taxes in full. This has only been possible by treating all the school districts as one complete unit for financing and using the surplus from their work. The school district has been a whole relief a better standing at the end of December 1934 than did one year previously. We have been able to pay our school taxes in full. This has only been possible by treating all the school districts as one complete unit for financing and using the surplus from their work.

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## Local News Items

A most enjoyable and successful Town was held by the ladies of the Red Heart Church Saturday last. The girls were kept constantly filled, the quilting amount of \$50 being added to the Church Treasury. The committee of ladies in charge of the town comprised Mrs. Van Tighem, assisted by Mrs. A. V. McFarland, Mrs. M. A. Bellinger, Mrs. G. Quinn, and Mrs. A. Chase. Dispensing choice home cooked foods were Mrs. Kildee and Mrs. Verwey, with Mrs. Newmyer as cashier. The young girls acting as servers were Misses Alice Bellinger, Margaret Kildee, Mary Praxer and Gertrude Van Tighem. Miss Gladys Hughes drew the ticket which made Mrs. C. Lambert the lucky winner of the kitchen cabinet.

Strathmore will again be privileged by having an interesting Art and Handicraft Exhibit about March 25 or 26. The exhibit is in charge of Major Norbury who comes under the auspices of Institute of Technology and Art and the Carnegie Trust. Major Norbury is a sculptor, has frequently lectured on Art and has taught in the Edmonton Technical School.

Congratulations to Miss Maud Marum who has been appointed teacher for the Primary Dept. in the Standard School. She commenced her new duties Monday morning.

The old livey barn on Highway Avenue is being taken down, having served its day of usefulness. It will become a fire trap and health menace.

The Councilor's Club held a very successful bridge party Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hughes home. Nine tables were in all and some high scores reported. The next party will be held Monday March 4th at the same home, the purpose of the games being to raise money to meet necessary expenses.

Rev. E. H. Brundage was in Calgary Tuesday and Wednesday attending the meeting of Presbytery.

T. S. Hughes made a business trip to Lethbridge Tuesday.

Mr. Giffen assisted the work in bringing to Mr. and Mrs. Othman Sunday last a wee daughter.

The Ladies Bridge Club met Thursday last at Mrs. Sturges' when the members presented to Mrs. A. L. Williams a very pretty cup and saucer, accompanied by a letter from the club leader, in the legislature today on the debate in reply to the speech from the throne. With packed galleries and every seat in the legislature filled Mr. Howson outlined sweeping reforms which he declared were necessary if Alberta is to be able to meet the requirements of the present economic situation.

Mrs. McFarland entertained 14 bit guests in honor of Ellen's 18th birthday Monday evening. Needless to say a jolly time was spent by all.

The School Fair Executive held a successful meeting Friday last when further plans were made for the 1935 Fair. The name of Mr. Hugh Berry was added to the Executive and also to the Agricultural Committee.

The Dramatic Club arranged a most interesting evening for their meeting Saturday last. A paper on the life of the illustrious Shakespeare was read by Miss Bernice Whitelock, which held the close attention of her hearers.

A debate, Resolved that the Motion Pictures are a waste of time, was carried through by Dr. Giffen and Mr. N. Ellis supporting the affirmative and Principal Crowther and Fredrick Hill upholding the cause of the Legitimate Stage. Each side was convinced that theirs was the right side and upheld their points with strong conviction. An interested discussion followed, albeit no decision was given.

The Musical Club met Monday night at Mr. Patrick's home.

Complimenting Doris Williams, Helen Fraser arranged two tables of bridge at her home Saturday last. Annie McGregor won top high score. Delicately prepared and a merry chat closed the happy evening.

Everybody welcome to the Box Social March 8th.

Thursday last the Sr. C. G. T. group entertained at a very happy Valentine party called by their leader, Miss Florence Gardiner. Each girl carried a gift for friend. At supper keen rivalry prevailed when a Valentine box was opened containing a pretty Souvenir for each guest. Another feature was the presentation of an Autograph Album of Books of Memories presented on behalf of the girls by Frances Jones to Doris Williams with regret at her departure. Taps completed the jolly evening.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the new Town Council was held in the Town Hall and lasted from 8 p.m. on Monday evening till 1 a.m. on Tuesday morning, when we called it a day. So much business was done that it would take even space to set it out. However, here are some of the high lights.

The new members on the Council are Mr. N. Gardiner our new Mayor, Councilor A. B. Brown, our new Councilor. The Mayor nominated Committee as follows:—Finance, Legislation and Health, Councillors Quinn and Brown, Public Works, Parks, Cemetery, Rink and Town Property, Councillors Miner and Hughes, Fire and Light, Councillors Hudson and Keeling. The Mayor is a member of each committee ex-officio. Deputy Mayor Councilor Hudson.

Fred Spillman appeared at the meeting and offered to purchase two lots near his residence for \$5.00 each which offer was accepted.

The Council was confirmed in its appointment of Secretary-Treasurer and was appointed to assess the Town for 1935.

Proposals have been made for wrecking the old livey barn on Rail way avenue and for the renting of the old Butler property on Second Street, both properties having been acquired by the Town under "Tax Recovery" proceedings.

### HOWSON OUTLINES AGGRESSIVE NEW DEAL FOR ALBERTA

Outlining in detail an aggressive New Deal for Alberta and putting forward suggestions for an energetic and far reaching policy which would take care of the needs of all departments of government in this province and would ensure for the people of Alberta a new start and a better start. W. H. Howson, C. G. Alberta Labor leader, in the legislature today on the debate in reply to the speech from the throne. With packed galleries and every seat in the legislature filled Mr. Howson outlined sweeping reforms which he declared were necessary if Alberta is to be able to meet the requirements of the present economic situation.

This province will not fall if an aggressive policy to meet her needs is adopted and energetically promoted, he said. All that is necessary is that we have the courage to find the facts, and having found them, to face them.

Alberta is entitled to a New Deal. Right now she is entitled to a new start and a better start, and that she has the right to demand the government of the day find the necessary courage to face the facts as they are and to take the forward aggressive steps which are needed to cope with the situation as it exists.

### COMING EVENTS

Cheadle Sports Club Dance Friday, March 29.

Gymnasium Display and Dance, in Memorial Hall, Friday, March last.

Curlew Dance February 22nd in Memorial Hall.

Mr. McLean of Anderson and McLean, Sight Specialists, Calgary, will be in Strathmore Monday, February 22nd at 3 p.m. at the Strathmore Pharmacy.

Keep Tuesday 26th clear to go to the business district in the morning. Nightingale Hall. Lucky Draw. Admission 25c each.

The discussion on Monday brought out the fact that most members would like to reformulate system i.e. to remove the barnacles from the ship of state. The C. C. F. however, claimed that the system was done, it had failed and they wanted it entirely swept away and replaced by a co-operative Commonwealth.

As the Government Printing Bureau has the power of printing the lists being runched even on Sunday. Some 10,000 names are being printed daily. The elections may not be early but certainly the preparations are very apparent.

The Unemployment Insurance Bill is now before the House. It does not apply to people engaged in Agriculture, fishing, lumbering, banking, teaching, nursing, civil government employees or to any one making \$2,000 per year. Forty weekly payments of 25c by the employee and 25c by the employer must be made within

the period of two years in order to get the benefits for 73 days. Plus extra allowances in certain cases. The scheme is insurance not relief and the Dominion will pay the loss per week to the fund plus all administration expenses.

The feeling is growing among the members that some change in the money system must be made before the debts, distress, poverty, and unemployment will be relieved. Even the Prime Minister seems to be departing from his so-called sound money policy. Last summer he issued 50 million dollars in currency for Public Works. This is not added to the National Debt and we pay no interest on it. Again this week he said in a very decided way that he had another plan for dealing with loans in distress on account of unemployment. This is something to substantiate for the Doie and we are all anxious to see what it will be and how it will work.

The Government has sent \$50,000 to the West to help pay the expenses of Speakers who are promoting the Marketing Schemes and the Minister again definitely promised me that no areas would be excluded from the operation of the Farm Loan Act.

Sincerely, F. W. Gerahaw.

At the Girl Guides Committee held recently the Guide Fair date was set for Friday May 15th. Prize lists will be ready shortly, the Boy Scouts and Cubs have been invited to enter exhibits. The Committee decided to put on a series of bridge in the homes of the members to raise funds for the Guide Fair. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Prater on Tuesday, March 27th.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday evening, Feb. 14, when Ruth Dunn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dunn of Poncha, and Woodrow Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wagner of Standard were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Werning in a short service. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner will reside near Chancellor.

A Boy Scout camp will be at the United on Friday Feb. 22. This is being sponsored by the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. H. L. Howie called to Bow Island over the week end as her mother, Mrs. Hurlbert was reported worse again.

The sum of \$23.00 was realized by the Ladies Aid at their Party Sale and Valentine Tea, held in the home of Mrs. H. L. Howie.

The kitchen was convayed by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Gibson. The dining room was in charge of Mrs. G. W. W. and Maureen Poole, Bernice Ward, waiting from 2 to 4 p.m., Ruth Ridd and Marjorie from 4 to 5 p.m. The waiters were Misses W. W. and Mrs. W. W. who were assisted by their caps made of Valentine hearts. The home cooking table was in charge of Mrs. L. W. Roppel.

Mrs. L. W. Pomeroy who has been ill with tonsillitis during the past week progressing very nicely. We hope that she will soon be up and around.

Mrs. Ray Brage with her baby daughter Ruth M. Brage, who was born at home on the Holy Cross Hospital.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Kirby youngest daughter of Mr. C. Kirby and Grand Daughter of Mr. N. S. Howie passed away at her home near Redlands on Sunday morning after a brief illness.

The Girl Guides instead of having a party on Friday Feb. 22nd, which evening enjoyed a "Valentine party" at which sixteen girls were present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. W. are forsores of Strathmore are very busy into the Poole house.

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## REEVE'S REPORT

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For a breeding ground for all sorts of new weeds, it is also thought that the sowing of grass seed will be an inducement to the ratepayers adjoining the roads to take care of the weed situation by cutting the grass and weeds and so helping themselves. They, of course, are responsible for taking care of the weeds on the road at the present time and this is only to help them in control from now on.

To bring to the attention of the residents the seriousness and possible damage from grasshoppers, three meetings were held early in the spring of 1934. These were at Carleton Place, Strathmore and Nanton. A representative from the Department of Agriculture, Field Crops Branch, attended and gave detailed information as to possible control measures for the summer season. That these meetings were necessary was shown by the experience of the district last year in combating grasshopper infestation. It is hardly necessary for me to go into a great amount of detail to tell you how serious the outbreak was in this particular district. You will remember that in 1934 we had a scattered infestation in the South and South East parts of the municipality. In 1934 that infestation became acute in the East and South parts of the district with infestation all over the District in varying degrees. It had been thought up until quite recently, that we would see comparatively free of grasshoppers in the year 1935 but we are disappointed to report that the prospects according to the entomological branch of the Dominion Govt. are for equal seriousness of infestation as we had in 1934. The Department is now preparing a map showing the expected extent of infestation but it is not ready for distribution. As soon as it is available we will arrange to have copy of it posted so that all the residents of the Municipality can see where grasshoppers may be expected to be most serious. At this time it is appropriate that I should ask every person in the Municipality to keep a sharp lookout for grasshoppers. You know, of course, that the hoppers which are the most damage are those which are hatched out in the current year in early summer or late spring. Hatching starts when the ground temperature would be around 70 to 80 degrees or when the atmospheric temperature is about 60 to 80 degrees. One point must be borne in mind very thoroughly and that is that if the egg has been undisturbed by any outside source or agency the eggs laid there will hatch. Hatching may be delayed but it has been proven beyond any reasonable doubt that they ultimately will hatch out if left alone. Last spring an experiment was tried out by collecting eggs from a field which had had a stable fire over it the previous fall. These eggs were put in a glass jar in as nearly as possible the normal state they were in the field. From these eggs practically 100 per cent produced hoppers. Control measures were employed by the Council by establishing two bait mixing stations in the Municipality, one at Carleton Place and the other at Strathmore. Bait was distributed free to all residents so that effective control measures, if possible, could be made effective. We believe that the distribution of bait was materially helpful in keeping our loss from grasshoppers down. May I ask you therefore to report the location of eggs found on your farm to the office, to use as much discretion as possible in placing your crops on clean summerfallow and if hoppers are in evidence to use the bait which is furnished by the Municipality as early as possible and to follow the instructions for scattering it closely. Further information can be obtained from the office at any time.

Continuing the policy of the Council as in previous years the heavy machinery was used in building roads in the district. It has proved, we believe, to be an economical way of giving real value for the money spent. In the year 1934 approximately 28 miles of new graded roads were built while 24 miles were regraded or maintained.

The storm of January 4th demonstrated the desirability of having the roads above the level of surrounding country by showing that where new roads are built that they are not nearly so subject to snow blockage as the older type of road. With all our roads ultimately of this type very little danger will be experienced from future snow blockades, with that end in view we believe that these roads are the proper ones to build.

In 1934 approximately 24 cars of coal were shipped in by the Municipality so that the savings of previous years could be continued. No accurate estimate can be given, nor will it be attempted, as to the actual cash savings our residents have made through the district having taken

this action. Suffice it to say that it appears to the Council to be worth while. While we are glad to report that the Municipal Mill Rate has not been increased during the past year, it having remained unchanged at 2 mills I regret to say that it is hardly possible that this rate can be continued in 1935. As I mentioned earlier in this report the new assessment has to be used in 1935. Since it is considerably lower than the old one it naturally follows that in order to raise as much money as we did in 1934 that we will have to increase the rate in 1935. It can be taken for granted that no unnecessary increase will be made by the Council but they feel that they would not be entirely fair if they neglected to give you warning of a possible increase in the rate.

I will not endeavor to analyze the financial statement of the Municipality for the year 1934, which you have had in your hands for some time past. Suffice it to say that it is a record of the transactions of the Council, a statement showing our estimated assets and a mass of details with respect to the operation of schools and considerable other detail. Notwithstanding that I am not endeavoring to deal with the statement I want you to feel free to ask for what ever information you desire and which is not evident from the statement.

The Provincial Government in 1924 re-enacted Tax Consolidation legislation and quite a number of those in arrears availed themselves of the opportunity to extend the time in which to make payments on these arrears. This Act followed the same line as the one passed in 1923 and as you know provides for the payment of the taxes in installments over a period of six years. Authority was also given to the Council to allow discounts on taxes paid. The Council took full advantage of this legislation and gave discounts of 10, 7 and 5 per cent on current taxes paid within certain time limits. By so doing we were able to give back to the ratepayers the amount which we normally might have been paying to the bank in interest. Looking at the discount question from that angle it would appear to be good business and could well be continued in 1935 and subsequent years.

In the latter part of 1932 and the early part of 1934 considerable effort was expended by the Council in trying to get the authorities of the city of Calgary to entirely eliminate their charge for a city license chargeable to owner of B provincial truck licenses. While not entirely successful in having the City discontinue this license in all cases the Council were sufficiently successful in having the City accept a very lenient attitude in its matter.

Since the last annual meeting pressure has been brought to bear on the Council to obtain their support to the construction by the Provincial Govt. of a secondary highway fully gravelled running north from the Calgary-Edmonton highway at Tiedra corner directly into Carleton. The Council lent its support to this project as they believe that it would be a very desirable road for those of our residents who desire to haul their own coal direct from Carleton. A delegation of the Council waited on the Minister of Public Works to present their views on this matter and were assured of consideration in due course.

Although an expression of opinion was not asked for from the last annual meeting as to the desirability or otherwise of continuing the Strathmore Standard being applied to taxpayers, considerable agitation occurred to have the paper sent as in former years when the Council agreed to discontinue this service. The Council would be grateful for a definite and unanimous, if possible, expression of opinion on this matter.

In closing, I desire to express my thanks to the ratepayers and members of the Council for their help, thought and efforts in carrying on the business of the Municipality during the year just passed.

I thank you, H. GROVES, Reeve.

## ALBERTA SECOND IN HOG MARKETING

Alberta still holds its place as second among provinces with respect to total marketings of hogs, according to final figures just released from the Dominion Live Stock Branch on live stock marketing for 1934. Last year Alberta again marketed one-third of the total hog marketings for the Dominion of Canada. The figures being for the Dominion 3,666,111 head and for Alberta 1,202,827 head. Ontario is still the leading province in this respect. The figures show a slight reduction from 1933.

Alberta's total marketings of hogs and calves were 241,160 head, or 16 and a half per cent of Canada's total marketings, which were 1,487,132 head. Of sheep Alberta marketed a total of 262,144 head, or 24 per cent of Canada's total which was 1,225,920 head.

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After losing the first game of the series 5 to 4 the Wings came out to win last night and showed what they can really do, by setting the Gunners back 8 to 2 and winning the series by a 2-7 score.

A record crowd for the season, some 1000 fans were on hand to witness the game in which the Wings excelled from the start to the last bell. George Gironx opened the scoring early in the game when he fooled Wilson with a tricky shot on a pass from Colleton. George again scored on Colleton's pass half way through the game. Gunners first score came in this period when E. Gironx penalized, and Bob Brown registered E. Brown's pass. Van Tighem also went to the cooler in this period.

The Gunners evened the score early in the second when T. Brown tallied on a rebound shot by Brown. Christensen scored on a nice pass

from Dowdle at 8 minutes 10 seconds to be followed by Dowdle scoring on Christensen's rebound a few minutes later. Near the end of the period Geo Gironx again registered Colleton's assist. Maynard and J. Grollin were sent to the cooler for 2 minutes in this frame.

The last period saw the Wings still forcing most of the play and Geo Gironx scored on a pass from "Bill" Gironx at 7 minutes. C. Gironx made a nice rush on which Wilson blocked his shot but Dowdle came around the goal to tip it. In the side, Bill Gironx scored on a pass from C. Gironx near the end of the game, making it 8 to 2 when the bell sounded.

Although the Wings all put in a great performance, George Gironx and Colleton were outstanding on the forward line with Charlie Gironx whose hard body checking was very effective, being prominent on defence.

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**SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO STATEMENT SHOWS UPWARD TREND**

The annual financial statements of life assurance are among the best barometers of general business experience on this continent. Hence during the past five years when the decline in individual incomes resulted in the purchase of fewer and smaller life insurance policies, the statements in question faithfully reflected that fact.

The report of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada published in another column and the remarks of its president, Mr. Arthur B. Wood, at its annual meeting are gratifying evidence of an improvement of conditions. The report reflects a return of confidence and a marked trend toward better business. Because of these investments of the life assurance companies in business enterprises covering a wide diversification of interests, the healthier conditions in trade indicated in this report make encouraging reading. Increases in new assurances and in repayments of policy loans, decrease in policy terminations and reduced demands for loans—all these demonstrate that life insurance, which proved such a bulwark of strength during the prolonged and trying conditions, is, in turn, keeping full pace with the forces of economic recovery.

A striking fact mentioned by Pres. Wood, in his address, is that of the \$88,000,000 which the Sun Life Co. paid out to policyholders last year, 85 per cent was in amounts of less than \$5,000 with an average of less than \$2,000.

The general character of the report is not only satisfactory to the policyholders of the Company but encouraging to the business community at large.

**THE WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE**

The week in the Alberta Legislature has been one of busy activity, even though the debate on the speech from the Throne has taken up a large proportion of the time.

With 23 government sponsored bills in the clerk's hands after being given first reading, the government appears to have its program of legis-

lature well in hand, and the indications are that the session will not be a lengthy one. The number of bills brought down is about one third of the number presented on an average at the session.

Perhaps one of the most important pieces of legislation brought down to date is the bill sponsored by Hon. J. F. Lyburn, to make uniform the law respecting liability in actions for damage for negligence where more than one party is at fault. This bill when passed will give courts power to assess damages equitably between both parties in a suit where damages can rightly be blamed on them. It also provides for the assessment of damages in traffic accidents where an accident could be avoided, but was not through the negligence of one party, even though the other was negligent.

Another bill brought down is an act respecting the sale by auction of goods and chattels, which is also sponsored by the attorney-general, Mr. Lyburn. This bill is designed to prevent sale of goods and chattels at auctions to bidders without the auctioneer first making known what he is against the goods. It will provide protection for purchasers at auction sales.

The agricultural committee got started on its work, Thursday morning, and its first act was to pass a resolution providing for an invitation to be sent to the former attorney-general of Saskatchewan, Mr. MacFerson, to attend the committee at some future date early in the session and explain the working of the federal act respecting farm debts. Mr. MacFerson is the administrator for the western provinces of the Farmer's Creditors Arrangement Act.

It is the plan to exact enabling legislation which will eliminate any doubt as to provincial or dominion rights in connection with the Federal Act administration.

Two major voices were taken during the week and in each of them the government maintained its majority. The first vote was on a point of order raised to determine whether the amendment to the motion in reply to the speech from the throne made by W. R. Hovans, Liberal leader, was in order. The result was a vote of 19 to 28 against the Liberal amendment's admission. In the second vote the amendment of D. M. Duggan, conservative leader, declaring that the legislature had no confidence in the present provincial government, was beaten by a vote of 25 to 19.

The debate on the throne speech is likely to last all this week, there being a number of speakers who have given notice they want to be heard. This debate usually lasts about two full weeks, and it is not likely it will be any shorter this year, when there is so much pre-election oratory to be unloaded on all sides of the legislature.

So far the house has not been sitting in the evenings, but in order to expedite the consideration of necessary business the night sittings will begin in the next few days, although no definite indication of this has been forthcoming from the ministry yet.

A strong plea was made to the house on behalf of the half-breeds of the province by J. M. Deane for St. Paul, who said that nothing had been done to provide for the rights of these "half citizens" of ours who have some of our blood in their veins. Mr. Deane also urged the building of a good motor road to Cold Lake "where there is some of the most wonderful scenery in the whole world to attract tourists."

Despite protests of motor organizations and others, it was revealed by Hon. J. B. Love, provincial treasurer, that the government intends to tax gasoline from six to seven cents this year. He pointed out to the house that the motor license in Alberta is lower and the gasoline tax, even when

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placed at seven cents, is as low per year as in any of the four western provinces. It is expected that the amendment of the Income Tax Act will be included in the minister's budget speech when it comes.

During the week the agricultural arms had missed a sitting. He is 81 years old and steps are to be taken to appoint a deputy to assist him. Alec McKay, Page Boy Number One, took his place for the day, and performed the duties well if a bit busily. It was an unusual honor for a boy of 13.

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